

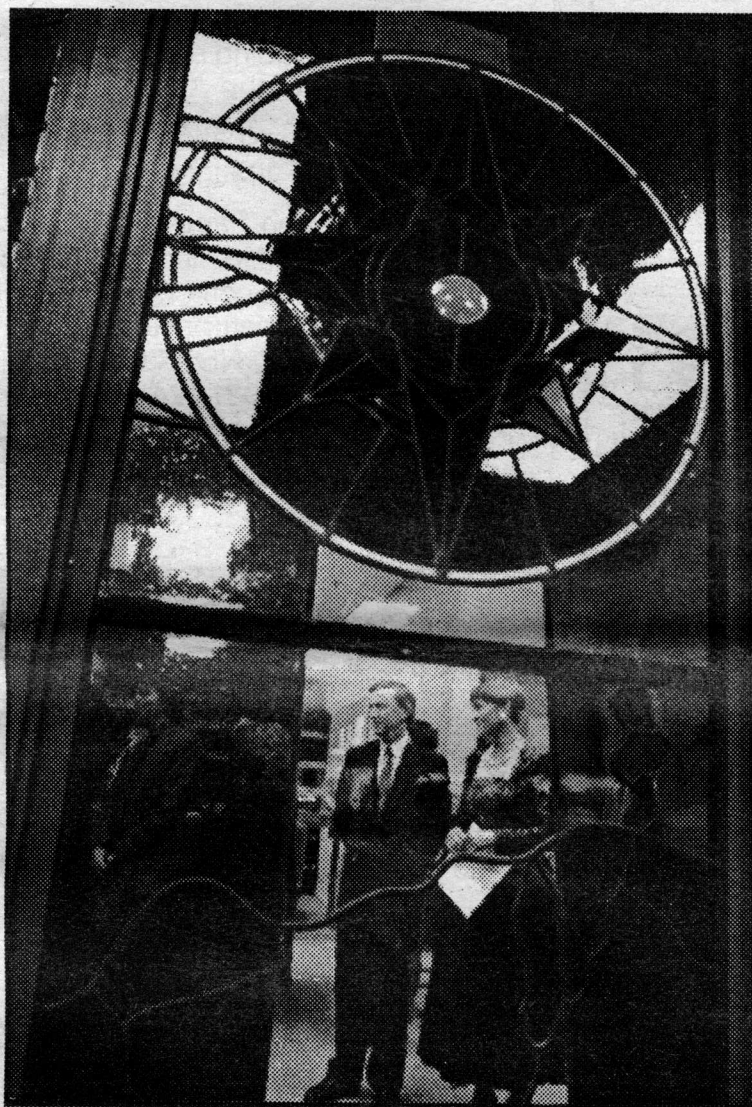
## Memorial Wall Dedicated in Centre for Newfoundland Studies

A ceremony was held in the Centre for Newfoundland Studies, Queen Elizabeth II Library, Memorial University, on December 1 to dedicate the newly-installed stained glass wall named for the late Dr. Agnes O'Dea. The wall, a striking and impressive work of art entitled *The Voyage*, was designed and constructed by local artist Graham Howcroft. It consists of seven stained glass panels featuring, in an abstract design, elements of the Newfoundland coastline and nautical motifs, including a compass rose.

Dr. Agnes O'Dea, who died in 1993, served many years as a distinguished and innovative librarian and founded the Centre for Newfoundland Studies in 1965. The stained glass wall was provided by Drs. Fabian and John R. O'Dea as a way of honouring the work and memory of their sister.

At the dedication ceremony, the guests were welcomed by University Librarian, Richard Ellis. University President, Dr. Arthur May praised supporters of the University such as the O'Dea family, and spoke about the importance of recognizing the contributions of Memorial's employees, such as Dr. Agnes O'Dea.

The Hon. Dr. Fabian O'Dea and Dr. John R. O'Dea then unveiled the plaque placed next to the wall. The Hon. Dr. Fabian O'Dea shared with the guests and other participants a few memories of his sister and spoke about the stained glass wall project, the artist Graham Howcroft, and the significance of *The Voyage* as a memorial to Agnes O'Dea. Anne Hart, the Head of the Centre for Newfoundland Studies, then gave a short profile on Dr. O'Dea and her



One of the seven stained glass panels of the memorial glass wall dedicated on December 1 at the Centre for Newfoundland Studies in honour of the work of Dr. Agnes O'Dea as founder of the Centre.  
[Photo courtesy Keith Gosse, *The Evening Telegram*, St. John's.]

work, the text of which follows in part:  
*I will say just a few words about Agnes O'Dea, a librarian both distin-*

*guished and much loved, the founder and first Head of the Centre for Newfoundland Studies and a dear friend*

*and mentor of mine.*

*In her lifetime she accomplished such a lot. Greatly notable is her two-volume Bibliography of Newfoundland published by the University of Toronto Press in 1986. This is merely the tip of the iceberg of Agnes' bibliographical work which, now captured on computer, is an important and endlessly useful scholarly legacy constantly added to by the Centre. She began this work in 1955 and in 1965 she began a second task, the establishment of a Newfoundland collection at Memorial University Library. Beginning with 40 volumes, by the time of her retirement in 1976 she had built the Centre for Newfoundland Studies to a collection of some 20,000 volumes.*

*Many honours came to her, including the Canadian Historical Association's Certificate of Merit in Local History, the Newfoundland Historical Society's Annual Heritage Award, the Atlantic Provinces Library Association Merit Award, and an honorary degree of Doctor of Laws from Memorial University.*

*After her retirement Agnes stayed in touch with the Centre. She kept a watchful and tactful eye on the continuation of her work, she took a lively interest in who was who and what was happening, and she continued to attend our annual Christmas dinner party armed with bottles of wine... She would have loved [this wall] and, knowing her, she would want to know how it all came about.*

*The dedicatory brass plaque unveiled at the ceremony contains these words:*

**THE VOYAGE**

*The Stained Glass in This Wall Is A Gift to the University as a Memorial to Agnes C. O'Dea, The First Head of the Centre for Newfoundland Studies, By Her Brothers, The Hon. Fabian O'Dea and John R. O'Dea*

December 1994

-Bill Tiffany

Memorial University of Newfoundland

## Charlottetown site of APLA '95

*Building Better Bridges, Forging Stronger Links* is the theme of the 1995 Annual Conference of the Atlantic Provinces Library Association. The Conference is being co-hosted by the Robertson Library of the University of Prince Edward Island and the Provincial Library Service.

The Conference will be held at UPEI from Thursday, May 25 to Sunday, May 28. In the eleven years since APLA was held at this site, a number of changes have taken place, among them the creation of the Atlantic Veterinary College and construction of a new Sports Centre and a new cafeteria. In 1992, UPEI successfully hosted the annual conference of the Learned Societies.

Co-conveners of the Conference are Joyce Gaudet (Local Arrangements Committee) and Norine Hanus (Program Committee). Sharon Clark has been hired as Conference Coordinator on a grant from Human Resources Development Canada, and the Robertson Library has provided office space and equipment.

The Program Committee has been hard at work planning an exciting lineup of sessions. Staff from academic, public, special, and school libraries, trustees, and administrators will all find topics of interest. In addition, conference attendees will have ample opportunity to meet with exhibitors of library services and products.

Keynote speaker is Ottawa-based author Heather Menzies. She has written extensively in the subject area of women and technology. Her books include *Fastforward and Out of Control: How Technology is Changing Your Life* (Macmillan, 1989), *Computers on the Job* (Lorimer, 1982), and *Women*

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## Freenet Conference leads to formation of NS Federation of Community Networks

On November 24 and 25, 1994 librarians and other interested individuals came together at the Nova Scotia Agricultural College in Truro to participate in the Umbrella Group for Freenets Conference. The goal was to create a provincial perspective on community network development.

Some of the objectives of the Conference were to:

- Share information between more experienced freenet groups and newly organized groups.

- Provide a forum for potential carriers and funders.

- Explore the options for the sustainability of freenets.

- Encourage the development of community platforms such as freenets and networked public libraries and the linkages between them to ensure effective and equitable access by all Nova Scotians.

- Provide information on the need for open, affordable public access by lobbying for government funding.

- Formalize a province-wide umbrella group and approve Terms of Reference.

The Department of Education stimulated the process and co-ordinated the Conference to bring together people from all parts of Nova Scotia and many different organizations. The conclusion of the Conference saw the founding of the Nova Scotia Federation of Community Networks.

Key presenters at the Conference were staff and members of the

Board of the Chebucto FreeNet and the Cape Breton Community Network, which is slated to go online early in 1995. These two networks have developed differently, Chebucto essentially using the telephone lines for transmission, with some public access via cable, while the Cape Breton Community Network is being developed through cable company access. Presentations followed from developing systems in Tatam-

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**Vice President, President Elect**  
**Vice President (New Brunswick)**  
**Vice President (Prince Edward Island)**

Guidelines:

1. No member of the Nominations and Elections Committee is eligible for nomination.
2. Any APLA member may nominate any other member for elective office.
3. Every person nominated shall be a personal APLA member in good standing and shall file a letter of acceptance with the Secretary of the Association.

Please send nominations, postmarked no later than **February 28, 1995** to:

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- \* to get information about APLA Executive actions;
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# From the President's Desk

In its only meeting this year between conferences, the APLA Executive considered a number of issues of importance to the Association. Since there will not be a chance to get together before May, the committee meetings were extended to cover the whole of Saturday followed by the full Executive Meeting on Sunday. In this Column, I will report on some of the major issues discussed and other issues which you will hear more of in the future.

A lively discussion and sharing of ideas occurred during the Executive Dinner Meeting on Friday evening, November 11, which focussed on information rights. **Information Rights Week** activities 1994 were reviewed, and considerable planning took place for the 1995 Week, April 3 to 10. Ideas mentioned that libraries might use include tying in major announcements and openings, such as the start of a frenet, having the local news media cover information access issues from the library's viewpoint, and developing links or a coalition among a variety of organizations, such as federal or provincial government departments, trade unions, women's groups, and anti-poverty groups.

To promote information rights concepts successfully and to make informed presentations it was felt that librarians need background information. In New Brunswick the public libraries are working on informing their staff about the issues and providing background information. An education kit for librarians was also developed in British Columbia last year.

APLA has decided to focus its efforts in 1995 on the membership and to urge them to go out in the community and promote. Pay for service seems to be gaining ground, but what about those who cannot afford to pay? A package consisting of a poster, brochure, letter, and information as to where to obtain full Information Rights Week kits will be sent to each member with the *Bulletin*.

The Executive also discussed CLA's Information and Telecommunication Access Principles. It was decided to adopt them, but some members of the Executive disagreed with the need to have such focussed Principles. They did not see the necessity of having a document for electronic information when we want the same access to information, whatever the format. There were also objections to including topics such as "an ergonomically-sound environment", which some felt led to a hybrid document that watered down the stated-purpose of the Principles. If any member who has not seen the Principles would like a copy, please contact any member of the Executive.

The **Public Relations Committee**, established in May 1994, has failed to get off the ground. While a few members have expressed interest in the Committee, it has not been possible to find a Convener. In hindsight, this may have been due to an overly ambitious list of proposed activities set out for the Committee. The Aims and Objectives Committee has revisited the issue and come up with a revised list of activities which should be able to be accomplished with much less effort than the original. Please contact Susan Libby if you have an interest in this area.

On the **financial** front, the Executive has been careful not to increase the bottom line in expenditures. While \$750.00 was approved for expenses related to the Information Rights Week package, this money originated with revenue received this year from 1993-94 General Activities Fund projects. As a result of a recommendation in the Financial Examiner's Report in May 1994, a new Standing Order, 8.35, was adopted and reads as follows:

"Records of the APLA Memorial Trust Fund should be examined by the Financial Examiner annually."

On the **Atlantic library scene**, APLA is monitoring the situation concerning school librarians in Nova Scotia, decisions about the Public Library System in Newfoundland stemming from the Saunders Library Review Report, and the possible decline in school librarian positions in Newfoundland.

The **Communications Committee** reported on several issues relating to APLA's publications. In conjunction with the *Bulletin* Editorial Team, the Committee focussed on several *Bulletin* issues. The *Bulletin* is the main "voice" of the Association and should be as effective as possible. The issues brought forward and discussed by the Executive included:

1. How the *Bulletin's* budget is determined. Currently the budget is based on the previous year's advertising and membership revenue. A fixed annual budget would take away some of the uncertainty in the production of the *Bulletin*. However, there was some concern that if revenue fell, a fixed budget would be a problem. The Committee, in conjunction with the Treasurer, will further review the system for determining the annual budget and will report to the May Executive Meeting.
2. Format and Content of the *Bulletin*. The Committee felt that the *Bulletin* would be more professional looking and "stand the test of time" if it was not a tabloid printed on newsprint. The Committee and the *Bulletin* Editorial Team will jointly review publications of other Canadian library associations. They will also review the *Bulletin's* content and purpose "to determine if it is an effective communication tool for the Association". The issue of where to pub-

lish annual reports was also revisited, with the Committee supporting the current practice of publishing them in the *Bulletin* prior to the Conference. This only works effectively, of course, if all those submitting reports to the Vice President/President Elect do so in good time to meet the *Bulletin's* deadline.

3. Length of the term of office for the *Bulletin* Editorial Team. Would two years, rather than three, be a more appropriate term of office for the editors? This will be investigated further.
4. Procedures for producing the *Bulletin*. These will be reviewed in order "to ensure maximum productivity with minimum stress".
5. Bilingual publication. A fully bilingual *Bulletin* was not considered feasible due to cost. One way to increase the francophone membership and bilingual and unilingual francophone articles in the *Bulletin* would be for the Francophone Interest Group to write and solicit articles.
6. Electronic alternatives. The Committee will explore "alternative electronic means of publishing and distributing the APLA *Bulletin*." It will be kept in mind, of course, that not all members are connected electronically.
7. Advertising in the *Bulletin*. Does soliciting advertising detract from the *Bulletin* Editorial Team's concentration on issues more relevant to the Association? The Executive felt that eliminating advertising altogether was too drastic a step to take; perhaps there are ways to make the advertising responsibility more streamlined. Advertising's role in the *Bulletin* will be explored and reviewed by the Committee.

Another major topic at the November Meeting was the **future of the Publications Committee and the APLA Membership Directory and Handbook**. As a further restructuring stemming from the creation of the Communications Committee, the Executive adopted recommendations from the Committee (and agreed to by the Publications Committee) that:

1. The Publications Committee be disbanded and its terms of reference be integrated into those of the Communications Committee. The membership will be notified formally of this change prior to the OGM.
2. The *APLA Membership Directory and Handbook* come under the responsibility of the Communications Committee.
3. Both publications be handled by a member of the Communications Committee who will act as editor.
4. The *Handbook* will be separated from the *Membership Directory* and "published either when the information contained within is updated or when copies for distribution to new members have run out", but at least every three years. Updates will be communicated via the *Bulletin*, Listserv, and errata addenda sheets.
5. *APLA Membership Directory* will be published annually.
6. In 1994-95 only the *Membership Directory* will be published with an explanation of the change.
7. The editor of the two publications will "investigate the possibility of making both publications available electronically (as an FTPable document) to the membership."

The Executive approved the communications plan submitted by the Communications Committee. The four-part plan addresses issues relevant to APLA's communication role for libraries in the Atlantic region. In addition to further investigating recommendations concerning the *APLA Bulletin* and the new formats for the *Membership Directory and Handbook*, the plan calls for developing objectives and guidelines for all APLA publications to ensure that they fulfil the mission and objectives of APLA and developing an orientation process for new APLA Executive members and Conveners. This has frequently been mentioned by members newly involved on the Executive or Committees as something that is needed. A draft procedure will be prepared for May 1995.

APLA has made some long-term decisions for the two conferences to be held after APLA '95 in Charlottetown. The 1996 Conference will be held in conjunction with CLA's annual conference in June 1996 in Halifax. Initial word from CLA is that there will be an APLA Day at the Conference, an appropriate time for the APLA OGM and an APLA representative on the program committee. Susan Libby, who will be President of APLA in June 1996, will be investigating this further with Penny Marshall, CLA's Vice-President, President-Elect. APLA '97 will be held in St. John's on the first weekend in June. 1997 is a special year in Newfoundland, since it will be the 500th anniversary of the voyage of John Cabot.

Other issues touched on at the Meeting, including copyright, will be covered in the next Column. Please note the February 28 deadlines for the APLA Merit Award and the First Timers' Conference Grant.


-Charles Cameron

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# CYBERSPACE

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- Acadia University - <http://www.acadiau.ca/>
- Centre Universitaire Saint-Louis-Maillet - <http://www.cuslm.ca/homepage.htm>
- Chebucto Freenet - <http://www.cfn.cs.dal.ca/> \*\* (Information on various libraries is available here, including Dartmouth Regional Library, IWK Family Resource Library, Halifax City Regional Library, Nova Scotia Department of Cultural Affairs Library).
- Dalhousie University - <http://ac.dal.ca/>
- Government of New Brunswick - <http://www.gov.nb.ca/>
- Memorial University - <http://web.cs.mun.ca/local/welcome.html>
- Mount Allison University - <http://www.mta.ca/>
- Nova Scotia Agricultural College - <gopher://AC.NSAC.NS.CA:70/1>
- Nova Scotia Community College (Yarmouth) - <gopher://nt.burridgec.ns.ca:70/1>
- NOVANET - <http://www.novanet.dal.ca/www/homepg.html>
- Nova Scotia Provincial Library, NcompasS database - <telnet://rs6000.nshpl.library.ns.ca>
- NSTN Cybrary (Internet Public Library) - <gopher://gopher.nstn.ca/11/Cybrary>
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- Technical University of Nova Scotia - <http://www.tuns.ca/index.html>
- TeleEducation New Brunswick - <http://tenb.mta.ca/tenb.html>
- University of New Brunswick - <http://degaulle.hil.unb.ca/UNB.html>
- University of Prince Edward Island - <http://www.upei.ca/index.html>

## NEWS

The **Statistics Canada Library** recently announced that the *Statistics Canada Catalogue 1994* is now available on the Internet. This makes information about Statistics Canada's print and electronic products and services accessible internationally via their Gopher. The catalogue is available at <gopher://talon.statcan.ca/>

A **Nova Scotia community access project** is now underway. As a result of growing interest in community access to the Internet, Industry Canada is using the SchoolNet Initiative to help schools offer an Internet training program in rural areas where it might otherwise not be available. Five schools will receive \$25,000 to provide equipment, a network connection, and a classroom, and at least three adult training workshops which will take place between January and June of 1995. The schools that have been chosen are Bridgetown Regional High School, Guysborough District School Board, Springhill Junior/Senior High School, Whycomomagh Consolidated School and Yarmouth High School. It is hoped that local project teams will include representatives from the regional libraries, the local business community, and other relevant organizations. Once communities have been trained in using the Internet, the demand for affordable access will increase.

The **Scout Report** is a weekly publication provided by InterNIC Information Services to assist Internauts in their ongoing quest to know what's new on and about the Internet. It focusses on those resources thought to be of interest to the InterNIC's primary audience, researchers and educators. However, everyone is welcome to subscribe and there are no associated fees.

The **Scout Report** is posted on the InterNIC InfoGuide's gopher and WorldWideWeb servers where you can easily follow links to resources of interest. Past issues are stored on the InfoGuide for quick reference, and you can search the InfoGuide contents to find the items reported in all previous issues. The **Scout Report** is also distributed in an HTML version for use on your own host, providing fast local access for yourself and other users at your site.

<http://www.internic.net/infoguide.html> <gopher://is.internic.net:70/11/infoguide/scout-report>

Comments and contributions to the **Scout Report** are encouraged and can be sent to [scout@internic.net](mailto:scout@internic.net).

## ATLANTIC NEWSGROUPS/LISTSERVS, ETC.

I have compiled a list of Usenet **newsgroups** currently available. I have not checked all to see how active they are. My criteria for including them is that they originated in Atlantic Canada, or have content primarily about Atlantic Canada. I am also compiling a list of **listservs** with a similar bent. If you wish to have these lists, please contact me at the Angus L. MacDonald Library, St. Francis Xavier University, P.O. Box 5000, Antigonish, NS B2G 2W5; Voice: 902-867-2334; Fax: 902-867-5153; Email: [mleggott@sandnc.stfx.ca](mailto:mleggott@sandnc.stfx.ca)

Any suggestions will be welcome, as well as suggestions for additions to the Atlantic Internet Servers listed above.

-Mark Leggott  
St. Francis Xavier University

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## MEMORIAL AWARDS

### Travel and Study Funds are Available.

Do you need financial assistance to study or do research? Awards are available from the APLA Memorial Trust. To apply, send a letter outlining your proposed programme and estimated costs and a copy of your curriculum vitae by **March 31, 1995** to:

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APLA Memorial Awards Committee  
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## FIRST TIMERS' CONFERENCE GRANT

**Have you never been to an APLA annual conference?  
Do you want to go to Charlottetown, but cannot afford it?  
Why not apply for APLA's First Timers' Conference Grant?**

To be eligible, an applicant must be a personal member of APLA, residing in an Atlantic Province, and planning to attend her/his first APLA annual conference.

Grants are allocated, consistent with general APLA guidelines, to help meet conference related expenses of travel, accomodation, and meals. The conference registration fee is waived for the recipient. If more applications are received than can be met by the fund, then money will be awarded by drawing from the names of all eligible applicants. **An amount of \$700 is available this year.**

Recipients will be expected to write a short report, for the APLA Executive and the *Bulletin*, summarizing their conference experience.

Applications should include name, business address, chosen means for contacting (mail, telephone, Fax, electronic mail), estimated costs (travel, accomodation, meals), and a signed statement acknowledging compliance with eligibility requirements.

Applications should be submitted by **February 28, 1995** to:

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## NEW BRUNSWICK/ NOUVEAU BRUNSWICK

### PUBLIC LIBRARIES

The Hillsborough Public Library recently held the official opening of its new quarters and, at the same time, celebrated 30 years of library service. Provincial and regional representatives joined the local board and community members for this event. The Library also held special parties for volunteers and for children as part of the celebration.

The Saint Joseph Public Library also celebrated 30 years of library service. Among other events, the Library held a poster contest on "the importance of the library in your community".

Following the success of the "I Love Books" summer reading club for preschool children, the Shediac Public Library initiated a "Waiting for Santa" reading club which was equally successful, both in Shediac and in the six other libraries which participated.

Saint John Regional Library held its second annual Employee Development Day on September 21. The staff had the opportunity to attend sessions on the Myers Briggs Test and on the subject of ethics in the library workplace. The 52 staff who attended were especially pleased to have the opportunity to meet and learn with their colleagues from across the region and to be reminded, as one person put it, "that we are all part of a larger team."

### ACADAMIC LIBRARIES

The University of New Brunswick Libraries, with assistance and support from St. Thomas University, recently acquired the literary papers of David Adams Richards. In addition to personal documentation and correspondence, the fonds contains typescript drafts for a range of his creative works including novels, short stories, articles, plays, and book reviews. The public reception of David Adams Richards' work is also documented by several theses, as well as newspaper clippings of interviews, book reviews, and articles about this Governor-General's Award winning author. The fonds contains 2.7 m of material.

### SCHOOL LIBRARIES

Dawn Weatherbie-Morehouse has been appointed Acting Coordinator, Resource Based Learning at the Department of Education. The position carries with it responsibility for English school libraries within the Province. Ms. Weatherbie-Morehouse will represent the Department of Education on the Provincial Library Forum and on the Library Assistant Program Advisory Committee.

### ASSOCIATIONS

The New Brunswick Library Trustees' Association (NBLTA) held its annual MLA reception at the Legislature on December 7. Trustees and library staff from across the Province attended the event to lobby politicians on behalf of public libraries. NBLTA President, Judy Heron, thanked the government for funding received under the Infrastructure Program for library automation. On a cautionary note, however, she pointed out that much work needs to be done to complete

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### PUBLIC LIBRARIES

There were a number of successful activities during Children's Book Festival Week. Canadian writer and storyteller Celia Lottridge visited Corner Brook. She gave readings at North Shore Elementary School and Corner Brook City Public Library, which were much appreciated by all. In St. John's, Newfoundland author Michael J. McCarthy was at the Gosling Library where he inspired children and their families to read. The Michael Donovan Library hosted a bedtime event by Katherine Grier, storyteller and educator. She told stories and sang to an audience of five to eleven year olds. Gloria Siander, a puppeteer, hosted a family storytime at the A.C. Hunter Children's Library.

The Corner Brook City Public Library reached their goal of \$10,000 to purchase a microfilm/fiche reader/printer. They raised \$4,500 through ticket sales on a computer. The winner, Jackie Richards, is a second year Information Processing student at Westvik College in Corner Brook. The Corner Brook Rotary Club gave a generous donation of \$5,000 and the Corner Brook Kinsman Club donated \$1,000 to the fund raiser. The Corner Brook City Public Library Board received an anonymous donation of \$3,150 to further their automation plans.

Newfoundland artist Donna Clouston regularly donates her art work to the St. John's Library Board for fund raisers. This year Ms. Clouston gave two prints to the Board for a draw on December 22. The money raised will go to the large print and talking book collections.

On December 16, the Newfoundland government announced they were revoking their policy that all civil servants had to take one and a half days without pay during the 1994/95 fiscal year. This change in policy affects employees of the Newfoundland Public Library Services. People who have already taken time will be compensated.

The Gander Library has received a grant of \$4,000 from Human Resources Development to implement an "electronic homework haven". Two students will be hired to function as computer facilitators/monitors to assist patrons in the use of the computer system.

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In the coming year, the Queen Elizabeth II Library, Memorial University of Newfoundland, will be cancelling approximately 200 journals and replacing them with document delivery. Both CARL Uncover and the Canada Institute for Scientific and Technical Information will be used to supply documents.

A change in policy at the Social Sciences and Humanities Research Council of Canada has resulted in the Queen Elizabeth II Library receiving a further \$10,000 toward the purchase of 20th century Irish newspapers. Grants under the Council's Aid to Specialized Research Collections program now include money for sales taxes.

Dorothy Milne, Memorial University of Newfoundland Library, gave a paper on contract provisions for librarians at the Canadian Association of University Teachers' Librarians'

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### PUBLIC LIBRARIES

In response to a management audit prepared during 1994 by Coopers & Lybrand, the Department of Education released its *Response to the Management Structure and Practices Audit*. This document outlines how the Department will treat the recommendations laid out in the Audit. The effect of the Audit on the Provincial Library was minimal relative to other areas of the Department. Although the Provincial Library did not lose any positions, it has been given some additional responsibilities. Some of the highlights affecting the Library are: it will continue to provide ILL locations service to all libraries in Nova Scotia at no direct cost; it will investigate the costs and benefits of charging for reference service for secondary clientele libraries; it will also investigate adding literacy and career resource collections to NcompasS; an implementation plan will be developed to incorporate the Education Media Services library database on NcompasS; and a plan will be developed to make NcompasS available to all staff in the Department of Education.

The Provincial Library has recently installed a list server, gopher server, and WWW server on the RS6000. This will enable the Library to create and maintain its own gopher, its own WWW home page, and its own Internet automated mailing lists. Each of the regional libraries can set up a home page; Western Counties already has.

For those in cyberspace who have a WWW browser, such as Mosaic, Netscape, or Lynx, you can now view the Provincial Library's *Disseminator* (electronic newsletter) on Provincial Library's WWW home page.

Provincial Library recently welcomed three new employees—Gwen MacNairn, Automation Trainer; Sue Hunter, in User Services; and Michael Gillis, System Administrator.

The Libraries Funding Formula Review Committee held its first meeting on November 9. The group is working within a very tight timeframe, with recommendations due to be submitted to the Minister of Education at the end of January 1995. Three working groups were established: Service Innovations; Finance; and Vision/Future. The Service Innovations group will examine core services, technological developments, and alternative sources of revenue. The Finance group will examine the pros and cons of funding formulas discussed to date, with a view to developing a new formula. The Vision/Future group will look at definitions of equity, adequacy, cost recovery, core services, and centres of excellence for library services, and will also look at existing school library/public library cooperation.

The Colchester-East Hants Regional Library enjoyed a high profile at the recent conference on frenet community networks in Nova Scotia, thanks to Automated and Technical Services Librarian Michelle Walters, who played a key role on the organizing committee and actively participated in the sessions. Michelle is now involved in establishing a local committee to explore the development of a frenet for the Colchester-East Hants area.

Renovations to the Stewiacke Branch of the Colchester-East Hants Regional Library began on November 28 and the Branch reopened on December 13. Renovations

## PRINCE EDWARD ISLAND

### PUBLIC LIBRARIES

As a result of competitions, permanent appointments have been made to several branch libraries. Congratulations to Diane McCue at Tignish, Joan Sutton at Hunter River, Carol McGrath at Morell, Kay MacLean at Murray Harbour, and Tina Davis at Souris.

After sixty years of service to the community, the Wellington Public Library has closed. Mae Arsenault, branch library technician for the last 17 years, has taken early retirement.

The Breadalbane Public Library has moved to larger and brighter facilities. This marked the only use in this province of the federal Infrastructure Program to improve library facilities.

### ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

Human Resources Development Canada has provided the funding for the hiring of six people to continue (and hopefully complete) the recon project at the Robertson Library, University of Prince Edward Island.

The gopher team at the Robertson Library have been very busy improving the UPEI gopher. Why not take a few minutes and visit this site?

### SCHOOL LIBRARIES

The School Librarianship Program will be reoffered at the University of Prince Edward Island beginning in July 1995. Two courses will be offered at that time, both taught by Ray Doiron.

### ASSOCIATIONS

The Library Week Committee of the P.E.I. Professional Librarians' Association has adopted as its 1995 project the updating of the *Directory of Libraries and Archival Institutions in Prince Edward Island*.

### OTHER

One of the recommendations of the report from the Working Group on Library Futures called for the formation of a Provincial Library Council. The inaugural meeting of the Council took place in November. Membership is comprised of the Director of the Provincial Library Service (Harry Holman), the UPEI Librarian (Dan Savage), Holland College Librarian (Brenda Brady), President of the P.E.I. Professional Librarians' Association (Sandra Richardson), and the President of the P.E.I. Teacher-Librarians' Association (Norine Hanus). The Council will meet on a quarterly basis to discuss issues of concern to the library community.

-Nichola Cleaveland  
Vice President (Prince Edward Island)

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the recon and that, unless additional staff is allocated to the New Brunswick Library Service, the job could take years. She also noted that the government must not forget other issues in its drive to get on the Electronic Highway, issues such as inadequate staff and poor collections in libraries, and literacy.

The new executive of the **Association des bibliothécaires professionnel(le)s du Nouveau-Brunswick/Association of Professional Librarians of New Brunswick (ABPNB/APLNB)** is planning its 1995 events—a Spring workshop in Saint John and the annual conference in September in Miramichi, the Province's newest city.

Association president, **Sylvie Nadeau** of Saint John said the Delta Brunswick Hotel in the port city is booked for the Spring workshop on Saturday, April 22. The topic chosen is from requests by members who attended the annual conference in Moncton. The theme of this workshop will be "Marketing and Public Relations for Libraries and Librarians".

Plans are also underway for the Association's third fall conference to be held in Miramichi, Friday evening on September 29, and all day Saturday, September 30.

One of the goals for this year is to increase the membership in the Association. Nadeau said now the Association is entering its third year, the executive and committees think it is time to aim for 100 per cent membership, aiming at all professional librarians in the Province.

Besides Nadeau, the other new executive members of ABPNB/APLNB are: Past President, **Muriel Morton** of Oromocto; Vice President, **Kenda Clark-Gorey** of Edmundston; Treasurer, **Linda-Ann Sturgeon** of Fredericton; Secretary, **M'Hamed Belkhodja** of Shippagan; and members-at-large, **Marilyn Rudi** of St. Andrews and **Jeanne Maddix** of Moncton.

### OTHER

A committee has been established to plan activities for Information Rights Week, April 3 - 10. Among the activities being planned is a half-day symposium to be held in Fredericton and broadcast across the Province. Stan Skrzyszewski, CEO of the Coalition for Public Information in Ontario, has agreed to be the keynote speaker at the symposium. Other activities are also being considered. For more information, contact Jocelyne Thompson, New Brunswick Library Service, by telephone at (506) 453-2354, by fax at (506) 453-2416 or by e-mail at [jthompson@gov.nb.ca](mailto:jthompson@gov.nb.ca).

-Jocelyne Thompson  
Vice President (New Brunswick)

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Conference which was held in Vancouver in November. Her paper discussed the various approaches librarians' contracts have taken to achieve reasonable and amenable workloads, flexible uses of time and adequate time for research, problem solving, and professional development on the job. The second focus of her paper was how academic librarians have defined their professional duties, and in particular, how current definitions of "research" have tended to exclude much of the applied devel-

opment work which librarians carry out in their libraries. The need to recognize practical developments in librarianship as an academic discipline and some methods for instituting adequate peer review of such developments were discussed.

1994 was the 25th anniversary of the opening of Memorial University of Newfoundland's Harlow Campus, Harlow, England. As part of the anniversary celebrations, the campus library was relocated, refurbished, and renamed the Lord Stephen Taylor Library. Memorial's Faculty of Education, the biggest users of the campus, contributed \$4,000 to the Library for collection development.

In 1994, the Archives of the Centre for Newfoundland Studies received two cost share grants through the Canadian Council of Archives and the National Archives of Canada. A grant of \$9,000 was used to arrange and describe the Cassie Brown photograph collection. This is a collection of approximately 4,000 images. The second grant of \$9,500 was for cleaning papers in the J.R. Smallwood collection. Two notable collections acquired by the Archives in 1994 were the political papers of Thomas Rideout, former premier of Newfoundland, and the papers of James P. Howley. Howley, 1847-1918, was the Newfoundland government geologist from 1887 until shortly before his death and the author of *The Beothucks or Red Indians; the Aboriginal Inhabitants of Newfoundland*. Published in 1915, this is the first historical account of the Beothuks.

The **Sir Wilfred Grenfell College Library** will be moving into new and enlarged quarters in 1995. A new building presently under construction and slated for completion in August 1995, will house the College Library, a lecture theatre, and a computer laboratory. The Library will include 40 computer equipped carrels, as well as additional reader and stack space.

The **Westviking College Library**, Stephenville Campus, has recently expanded their CD-ROM collection. Six new titles have been added, giving them a total of fifteen titles. In cooperation with the Bay St. George Literacy Council, the College Library has established a reading centre with print and software materials, for adults reading at lower levels.

**Chitra Paranjape**, has replaced **Elizabeth Steele** as the librarian at the **Cabot College of Applied Arts, Technology and Continuing Education**, Ridge Road Campus.

**Cathy Brown** is the new librarian at the Lewisport Campus of the **Central College of Applied Arts, Technology and Continuing Education**.

### SPECIAL LIBRARIES

A new library position has been created in the **Department of Social Services**. It is a temporary, part-time librarian's position and is the first librarian's position in the Department.

### OTHER

The frenet in St. John's has its official name and a home for its computer. It is called the **St. John's InfoNET**. Their computer is housed within the Computing and Communications Department at Memorial University of Newfoundland. The computer is connected to the Internet, but the address has not been announced yet. They are presently testing software and expect to be operational early in 1995.

-Karen Lippold  
Vice President (Newfoundland)

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included the integration of 330 square feet with the rest of the Branch, repainting, new carpeting, and some new shelving and furnishings.

**Western Counties Regional Library** celebrated its 25th anniversary on October 23 in the Izaak Walton Killam building in Yarmouth. Regional Library Director, **Barbara Kincaid**, paid tribute to local municipal governments for the development of library services in western Nova Scotia. She also praised the dedication of those who operate the private library societies in Yarmouth, Digby, and Shelburne. Thanks were given to the reading public for their support and interest in the Regional Library.

Youngsters and adults were thrilled with stories and slides from freelance writer Magi Nams when she gave an author reading at the **Weymouth Library** on October 13. Nams visited the Digby area as a participant in the 'Writers in the School' program. A biologist by training, Nams has published many stories, most notably as a regular writer for *Ranger Rick* magazine from which she was chosen the 1994 winner for best children's writing.

The three regional libraries that service western Nova Scotia, **South Shore, Western Counties, and Annapolis Valley**, have formed a library co-operative, **SWAN**, to facilitate an application for a Capital Grant from the provincial government to automate public library service in the three regions. An answer from the government regarding the request is expected in April, 1995.

World War II air force gunner, **Joe Maloney**, was the guest speaker at the **Yarmouth Library's** Mid-Week Break program on November 9. Ray Zinck, Atlantic journalist of the year for 1987, is in the final stages of completing a book about Maloney's experience. The book, with a working copy title of *Winged Warrior*, is scheduled for release in the spring of 1995.

A large and enthusiastic crowd was on hand Saturday, October 29, for the official opening of the new **Annapolis Royal Branch** of the **Annapolis Valley Regional Library**. The new facility in the Town Hall is almost twice the size of the old branch.

It is planned that an Internet connection will be placed in the **Bridgetown Branch** for the use of the public and staff.

### ACADEMIC LIBRARIES

At **Acadia University** interviews are being held to select a new University Librarian to take up the position on July 1, 1995. After more than seven years in the Technical Services Division, **Ruthmary Macpherson** has left to become Head of Technical Services at **Mount Allison University Library**. **Kelly Campbell** has resigned her term position as General Librarian to become Librarian for the **Nova Scotia Department of Community Services**.

The Canadian Literary Collections Project (CLCP) Public Reading Series, sponsored by the CLCP and the Canada Council, will take place at the Special Collections Reading Room, **Killam Library, Dalhousie University** on the following dates: February 16, A Windhorse Evening; March 9, Donna Smyth; April 6, Allan Cooper. Readings take place beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Facing the same "more demand—less resources" squeeze as its fellow institutions, the **Patrick Power Library of St. Mary's University** responded by expanding its reference services. Features of this initiative include: reference by appointment (to better handle lengthy enquiries); basic Internet instruction; and increased information desk service for all hours during which the building is open. To meet these objectives, professional librarians and library assistants have assumed new responsibilities for teaching, collection development, and information technology instruction.

To raise the profile of the archival resources housed in the Library, the Archives area has been staffed and made available to the public on Tuesday, Wednesday, and Thursday afternoons. Business is booming.

The reorganization of the Library which occurred during the summer has centralized a number of functions (Kardexing, shelving, updating of looseleaf services) and resulted in a more effective sharing of workloads and expertise. Unlike the dreaded re-engineering experience in the private sector which shoos people out the door, this reorganization works.

**Penny Marshall**, University College Librarian, **University College of Cape Breton** has been appointed by the government of Nova Scotia to a three year term on the Cape Breton Regional Library Board.

### SPECIAL LIBRARIES

The **Department of Education Library** will be maintained at the Department's headquarters at the World Trade Centre. This comes out of the *Response to the Management Structure and Practices Audit*. A plan will be developed to add Department of Education Library holdings to NcompasS.

Also as a result of an approved plan based on the *Response to the...Audit* the **Cultural Affairs Library** will close as of January 31. **Gillian Webster** will be aiding the dispersal of the collection until the end of March, after which she will be transferring to the Provincial Library User Services Section. The material from the Cultural Affairs Library is being dispersed among four Metro libraries, i.e., Halifax City Regional Library and the Nova Scotia College of Art & Design (taking craft and visual arts materials), Killam Library of Dalhousie University (taking performing arts materials), and the Department of Education Library (taking cultural research materials and all continuing journal subscriptions).

### SCHOOL LIBRARIES

A permanent position for a School Libraries Coordinator will be staffed within the **Provincial Library's** mandate as laid down in the *Response to the Management Structure and Practices Audit* and resources will be allocated for the position.

### ASSOCIATIONS

**Grassroots Information Association (GIA)** is a community-based group set up in Antigonish to promote information technology in education and job creation. GIA recently received a grant of \$180,000 to assist in three separate projects in the Antigonish area: a full Internet/Multimedia computer lab in the Dr. John Hugh Gillis Regional High School; a multimedia CD-ROM product, to be developed in conjunction with the high school, GIA and a local business; and a community network, to be developed with GIA staff and volunteers from the community. It is anticipated that the Antigonish Community Network will be available in February or March. For more information on GIA and these projects, contact Mark Leggott.

Remember that the **Canadian Library Association's** Annual Conference is coming to Nova Scotia in 1996. Anyone interested in being involved in planning CLA '96 contact Penny Marshall immediately, 1-902-539-5300 ext. 388, 1-902-562-6949 (fax), e-mail [Pmarshall@caper2.uccb.ns.ca](mailto:Pmarshall@caper2.uccb.ns.ca), UCCB Box 5300 Sydney, NS B1P 6L2.

-Mark Leggott  
Vice President (Nova Scotia)

## Atlantic Books Today Serves the Atlantic Region

*Atlantic Books Today* is the only publication in Atlantic Canada about books, writing, and the publishing industry.

We have learned that grants to regional and national associations may be cancelled in the future. This would affect *Atlantic Books Today* directly, since there is no other source of funding for this publication. (Programs at the Department of Canadian Heritage do not fund regional projects. Provincial funding is not adequate to cover the costs of distributing the publication across the Region.)

*Atlantic Books Today* is a valuable service to publishers, writers, librarians, and booksellers in the whole Atlantic region. Advertising revenue cannot cover all the costs of distribution and operations.

When a redesign of the *Atlantic Provinces Book Review* was undertaken in 1992, we were responding to the Canada Council jury's recommendations. To do it right, we gathered suggestions from writers, publishers, booksellers, and librarians in Atlantic Canada. We took the necessary steps to create a publication that would be far less dependent on operating grants than its predecessor.

In less than two years, annual advertising revenue increased from \$8,000 to \$38,000. We created a publication that has strong support from the publishing industry, writers groups, educators, and librarians. We need time to continue to build it, but further cuts to the Canada Council funding could hurt this process.

In three years, the Canada Council has cut funding to *Atlantic Books Today* by \$18,000—from \$48,000 to \$30,000.

*Atlantic Books Today* is available free in schools, libraries, bookstores and colleges, and to 20,000 *Globe and Mail* readers. Single copies go to 300 subscribers and 150 industry organizations. Bulk copies are sent to 130 bookstores, 75 public libraries, and 400 school libraries. Total distribution is 35,000 copies. Total readership is more than 50,000.

The publication is administered by the Atlantic Provinces Book Review Society who employ the managing editor, Elizabeth Eve, to undertake the publishing of *Atlantic Books Today*.

—Elizabeth Eve  
Managing Editor, *Atlantic Books Today*

## Atlantic Books Today Distribution

The APLA Executive has decided that it will no longer be able to distribute *Atlantic Books Today* with the *APLA Bulletin*. This decision was taken as a cost-cutting measure and because this title is widely available throughout the Atlantic Provinces. The latest issue, Fall/Winter 1994, was distributed with the *Globe and Mail*. Numerous bookstores and libraries in the Region have copies available for free distribution.

If you wish your library to receive bulk copies for redistribution, you may phone/fax (902) 429-4454, or write to:

*Atlantic Books Today*  
2085 Maitland Street  
Suite 202  
Halifax, NS B3K 2Z8

## Call for nominations for 5th Annual Brimer Award

The Nova Scotia Library Association is seeking nominations for the 5th Ann Connor Brimer Award, a \$1,000 prize for a children's book which makes an outstanding contribution to children's literature in Atlantic Canada. The purpose of this award is to recognize excellence in writing. The award will be presented in November 1995.

### Eligibility Criteria:

- \* Author must be alive and residing in Atlantic Canada at time of nomination
- \* Book intended for children up to the age of 15
- \* Book published in Canada between May 1, 1994 and April 30, 1995
- \* Book in print and readily available
- \* Fiction or non-fiction (except textbooks)
- \* Steering Committee reserves the right to accept or reject nominations

### Submissions:

Send completed nominations by  
April 30, 1995 to:

Jennifer Evans  
Ann Connor Brimer Award  
Captain William Spry Branch  
Halifax City Regional Library  
5381 Spring Garden Road  
Halifax, NS B3J 1E9

## 4th Annual Brimer Award goes to Lesley Choyce

*Good Idea Gone Bad* by Lesley Choyce is the winner of the 1994 Ann Connor Brimer Award for children's literature. Set against Halifax's lively alternative music scene, the novel explores adolescent violence, sexism, and racism from a young male's perspective.

Choyce received his \$500 award from Gavin Brimer, Ann Connor Brimer's son, at a ceremony on November 10 at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic. In his acceptance speech, Choyce commended the selection committee for choosing a book with the troublesome topic of male aggression.

The award is sponsored by the Nova Scotia Library Association in memory of the late Ann Connor Brimer, who had a keen interest in children's books and was the first regional representative for the Canadian Children's Book Centre. Earlier in the evening, Dr. Hilary Thompson of Acadia University spoke of the importance of children's literature and the key role that Ann Connor Brimer had played in fostering writing in the Region. A summary of her speech is reprinted below.

In a press released dated January 19, 1995, the Ann Connor Brimer Award Committee announced that generous public support has enabled the award to be doubled to \$1,000. Heather MacKenzie, Chair of the Award Steering committee, said that all future fundraising efforts can now be focussed on raising the award's profile in the Atlantic Provinces. "We are pleased with our success so far, but now look to increasing the award's visibility, especially with children and all the people who provide them with books," she said.

The Nova Scotia Library Association continues to raise funds for the award. Tax deductible donations may be sent to Linda Hodgins, Ann Connor Brimer Award Committee, P.O. Box 36036, Halifax, NS B3J 3S9.

## Hilary Thompson guest lecturer at Brimer Award Ceremony

Hilary Thompson, Professor of English [at Acadia University] and a well-known authority on children's literature and theatre for children, was recently guest speaker at the 4th Annual Ann Connor Brimer Award Presentation for Children's Literature. The event was sponsored by the Nova Scotia Library Association and held at the Maritime Museum of the Atlantic. Winner of the award this year was Lesley Choyce for his children's book *Good Idea Gone Bad*.

In her address, Thompson told of how, when she first began to teach the Canadian children's literature course at Acadia in the late 70s, she felt she was riding a wave of history. When she began, *Owl* was only just beginning publication, as was the academic journal *Canadian Children's Literature*. Since then have been born the Canadian Children's Book Centre; the Canadian Society of Authors, Illustrators and Performers (CANSCAIP); Ann Connor Brimer's first children's bookstore in Halifax (Woozles); Ann Connor Brimer's activities as Children's Book Centre Representative for the Maritimes, something that provided support for people like Thompson to give workshops in schools and to interested parent-teacher associations, librarians and teachers; and the fourth Thomas H. Raddall Symposium at Acadia that celebrated the life-experiences and history of children in the Atlantic region.

The title of Thompson's talk was "Multi-consciousness, Literacy and a Post-literate Age." As Thompson explained, to write a successful children's book is to enter a jungle of critical questions such as those posed by Jacqueline Rose in her Lacanian study *The Case of Peter Pan: The Impossibility of Children's Literature*. Rose's questions prompt many of Thompson's own. Who are children's authors writing for? Themselves as adults? The inner child? Other adults and their concept of childhood? If so, whose childhood? What image of "the child" are we buying into? And if we write for children, how do we define the child reader when common sense tells us that children are people with tastes as diverse and individual as those of adults?

While new childhoods and adulthoods emerge in our society, literacy has also to find a community of readers in a multi-media world. Reading can be a solitary private activity, but, in a world of other solitary activities involving computers, televisions, video games and tapes, the encouragement to read has become the invitation to participate in a community of readers. It is not for nothing that the Read Canada activities of Frontier College and that various Children's Literature Roundtables are flourishing across Canada. These communities are built on shared interests and the need to reflect on them. The Literacy Division of the Nova Scotia Department of Education has recognized this in its new family literacy program, which focuses on activities built around reading as well as on reading per se.

Thompson, too, battles for the survival of books in a post-literate age. Yet, she remembers McLuhan's phrase that "multi-media produces multi-consciousness." Thompson told her audience that she acknowledges the truth of that phrase and is excited by its import. To be multi-conscious is to understand the diversity of human responses to language: the language of film, of video, of illustration, of oral culture, of kinesthesia and space, and of print in its many forms. Interaction, play, and verbal discourse, as well as reflection, characterize our responses to multi-media. This is the challenge and promise of a post-literate age.

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[Editors' Note: Under the general theme of "The Changing Landscape of Librarianship," the Friday Lecture Series at the School of Library and Information Studies in the month of November covered a number of aspects. The following are edited extracts of reports of the lectures prepared by first year students at the School.]

## Some hints from the changing publishing scene

The publishing industry today is undergoing rapid changes caused by both the rise of new technology and changes to the structure of the industry. Dr. Norman Horrocks, a former Director of the Dalhousie School of Library and Information Studies and now Editorial Vice-President at the Scarecrow Press, Metuchen, New Jersey, outlined some of these changes and their effects on the closely allied field of librarianship at the Friday Lecture Series at the School on November 25.

It is important for librarians to understand the current structure of the publishing industry and which companies have control. Dr. Horrocks stated that there are only between six and eight companies at the top which dominate the publishing market worldwide. These include Bertelsmann, a German company at the top; Hachette, a French company; Time-Warner and ABC-Capitol, two American companies ranking third and fourth; Thompson, a Canadian company at fifth; and Rupert Murdoch and Reed-Elsevier at sixth and seventh. Dr. Horrocks pointed out the connection between several of the publishing companies and film and television companies. This relationship is evident when one regards the wealth of movies-based-on-books and even books-based-on-movies on the market today.

Related to the structure of the publishing industry is the popularity of large chain bookstores. Only recently becoming so popular, these bookstores may house coffee shops, encourage patrons to browse, and may even offer children's programs, an area that was once the sole domain of public libraries. Because of cutbacks in library budgets, publishing companies are forced to change their distribution mechanisms to cater to these bookstores. Although it seems as if bookstores are now in competition with public libraries, Dr. Horrocks maintained that public libraries offer a service that bookstores can never offer — life-long learning.

The other area in the publishing industry that Dr. Horrocks addressed is the impact of technology on the industry. Changes in the nature of communication affect publishing and libraries. As more people learn to access information online without using the medium of publishing or libraries, the expectations of society are raised to assume instant access to information. This creates tremendous pressure on publishing companies to get publications out quickly, especially in certain areas such as medical care and journal publishing.

Libraries feel pressure from their patrons to acquire electronic material, yet the abundance of material and the fact that it becomes dated very quickly makes this task difficult, especially when budget cuts must be taken into consideration. Ownership of online material and copyright laws are two more issues that must be confronted in the next few years, both by librarians and publishers.

Though he did not have any easy answers as to how to resolve some of the problems publishers and librarians now face, Dr. Horrocks did offer some advice to professionals dealing with the issues raised in his talk. He suggested that professionals consider the issues, become informed on the different points of view, and then take a stand and become political advocates of policies that they believe will protect the basic human right of access to information.

Dr. Horrocks ended his lecture with some encouraging hints on how graduate students can break into the market and get published.

-Rebecca Hunt  
MLIS '96, Dalhousie University

## Some thoughts on information literacy, faculty attitudes and librarianship

In an academic library, what is the attitude of faculty regarding information literacy and their perception of the time required by students to learn these skills? Professor Elizabeth Frick of the School of Library and Information Studies and Frances Nowakowski, a librarian at the Killam Library, Dalhousie, outlined their ongoing research into this topic in the first part of the Friday Lecture at the School given on November 4.

Professor Frick noted that information literacy, including the skills required to transfer information, to think critically, and to develop intelligent information-seeking behaviour, are becoming increasingly important at a time when information is becoming increasingly available solely in an electronic format. In the university setting, faculty control the content and design of the curriculum; they therefore will determine the importance given to teaching the skills of information access and critical thinking in relation to their disciplinary focus. An understanding of faculty attitudes towards information literacy and their experience with electronically-derived information could therefore provide the necessary groundwork for designing more effective programs of instruction for students.

This has been the focus of the ongoing study being conducted at Dalhousie. Questionnaires mailed to all faculty members in the faculties of science, arts, social science, and the professional schools have already produced some interesting results. While 99% of faculty agreed that it would be essential in later life that students know how to access information electronically, only 62% designed assignments which required library use. 72% of the respondents cited lack of available class time as being the primary obstacle to teaching informational literacy skills.

Ms. Nowakowski elaborated on some of the significant correlations found in the study and some practical implications of the results, and suggested areas for further research. It was discovered, for instance, that there was a significant correlation between those who reported recent use of library resources, including electronic databases, and those who thought their students needed more than one session to learn library skills. One question raised by the results was why the majority of science and social science faculty members thought that one class in information literacy would suffice, but humanities and professional schools' faculty all believed that one instructional class would be insufficient? Ms. Nowakowski recommends that library staff and faculty should work together to ensure that students learn the necessary electronic information skills to stay current in their chosen professions.

In keeping with the "Changing Landscape of Librarianship" theme of this year's Friday Lecture Series, Professor Frick in the second half of the lecture addressed the current state of library schools and their approach to the profession. Fearing that the schools are turning to a narrow old-fashioned definition of the university as pure research, she noted that it is time for professional schools to show leadership, as they have always combined the university ideal of pure research with the profes-

sional ideal of significant application. The image of the old abstracted scholar, focussing solely on abstract theoretical knowledge, should be discarded and replaced with the image of the warrior who exhibits the virtues of courage and truth-telling. These are the virtues that should be rewarded in the academic field. Outmoded also is the idea that the medium is the whole message; in today's technological world, the medium can only be considered to shape the message.

The emphasis must now be on user needs. Courage will be required within the profession to ensure that everyone will have equal opportunity to become computer literate and to avoid chasing fads or being drawn into the world of "cyberbabble" where, in the words of Neil Postman, we run the risk of "informing ourselves to death". The second academic virtue of truth-telling is the beginning of professional richness which can only be maximized by knowing what the librarian as a professional has to offer the incredibly diverse fields of the future. Professional interactions must reflect shared responsibility in the future by all leaders in academia. One perspective is no longer sufficient. The future can only be found through combined effort.

-Nancy MacKenzie  
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## Some lessons from the electronic city

Evaluating technology in terms of how users interact with it is an important topic to those in the library community. Elaine Toms, Assistant Professor at Dalhousie's School of Library and Information Studies, addressed a group of professional and student librarians on the topic at the School's Friday Lecture on November 18.

With the rapid development of on-line systems, CD-ROM databases, and the Internet, patrons and librarians today have much more with which to deal than they did in the recent past. Professor Toms made this clear in her lecture, as she focused on user interfaces for the Internet in general and freenets in particular. According to Professor Toms, the freenet, as a means to gain access to community information, is a vital tool for patrons and librarians alike. From this conviction arises her fascination with two aspects of freenet use — the qualities which make freenets truly accessible, and the process of user interaction required to gain this access.

Generally menu-driven, freenets provide an initial series of options which lead the user to further options. These menus are usually written not in "natural" language but in "metaphorical" language. It is Professor Toms' agenda to discover the efficacy of this metaphorical language and to explore one particular interface metaphor currently popular — that of "Electronic City", in which the label "Administrative Building" translates as "About the Freenet." The second aspect of h



research flows from the first. In order to examine the efficacy of the Electronic City metaphor, she had to understand the way users respond to such interfaces. Consequently, she conducted a number of studies of individuals using the Internet in order to determine which better facilitated use and learning — a natural language menu or a metaphorical menu.

Various aspects of the users' learning processes were tested. For example, the possibility that they were finding information by accident was addressed by having participants find the same information at two separate sittings. User preferences between metaphorical and natural language were tested in a number of ways, one of which was by asking participants in the study to design their own labels for Internet

menus. The participants were also divided into two groups, one of which used a metaphorical interface and one of which used a natural language interface.

The conclusions gleaned from Professor Toms' experimental studies are interesting, and they point to a number of ironies and problems in the current approach to the creation of interfaces. Although metaphorical interfaces are often constructed with the view to ease the learning and the use of technologies, they often have the opposite effect. Professor Toms' findings suggest, for example, that most subjects prefer natural to metaphorical interfaces. One problem with the metaphorical label "Administrative Building" is that it is likely to have little meaning to those unfamiliar with university

campuses. This observation agrees with her finding that users of metaphorical interfaces tended to be unable to decode the metaphors designed to ease use of the system. Not surprising, then, is her discovery that, when given the choice, such as when asked to design labels for an interface menu, subjects used natural rather than metaphorical language, and that users of both metaphorical and natural language interfaces expressed a preference for the latter type. Finally, users of metaphorical interfaces learned less than did those using natural language interfaces, as suggested by their inability to retrace steps to find information. Metaphor, it turns out, is not the superior language to jog the memory and consequently facilitate learning.

Professor Toms' research, promoting as it does an understanding and analysis of the ways users interact with computers, is interesting at both intellectual and pragmatic levels. Intellectually, the design of interfaces, the steps involved in making the unknown known, is fascinating. On the other hand, the practical implications are patently clear, as librarians grapple with learning systems both for their own use and in order to facilitate access by patrons.

-Michelle Fiander  
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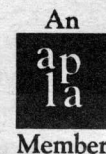
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## NEWSPAPER INTEREST GROUP

Even in these times of severe restraint and reduction in services, libraries and archives in each of the four Atlantic Provinces have found some resources to advance the cause of newspaper preservation and access. Since my last report, there has been substantial activity, and I thank Charles Cameron and Janet Phillipps for providing some backbone to this account.

In keeping with New Brunswick's "Masterplan", the Board of Commissioners of the Saint John Free Public Library has raised approximately \$10,000.00 to permit filming of the Saint John daily *Evening Gazette* from 1888-1904. These are unique and, as you would expect, crumbling to the point of removal from public use. The filming will be done at the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick. While most attention is still of necessity devoted to retrospective projects, the Library did obtain permission from the publishing family to borrow for filming a complete set of the town newspaper *Hampton Herald*. This community paper has provided news of Hampton and surrounding territory for over 10 years now, and the Provincial Archives of New Brunswick have agreed to microfilm the entire bloc from commencement to the end of 1994.

A very active participant on the New Brunswick newspaper preservation scene, Janet Phillipps, Reference Librarian at UNB's Harriet Irving Library, reports that UNB has recently completed filming the *Morning Star* and *The Star* (Fredericton, 1878-1880). *The North Star* and the *Star* (Chatham, 1880-1881) filming has also been accomplished as well as the *Union Advocate* of Newcastle to 1948. Janet is still awaiting discovery somewhere of any *Union Advocate* issues from 1949-1952, along with issues from the 1940s needed to fill gaps. Another recent project, the *Victoria News* of Perth, 1929-1934, presents a vivid picture of the depression taking hold in that part of New Brunswick. One interesting item is an early automobile supplement which makes up the second section of April 24, 1930. By 1934 there are many articles relating to the economic decline of the region, and the newspaper itself appears to be failing, devoting a full page to advertising its services and urging readers to pay attention to newspaper advertisements.

At the Centre d'études acadiennes, Gilles Chiasson is pursuing a number of new newspaper initiatives. Microfilming has been completed for the Caraquet weekly, *Hebdo Peninsule* (September 1990 - April 17, 1991), and filming has commenced for *L'Action regionale*, a weekly which commenced publication in Grand Falls/Grand Sault in April 1991, and *Info-Affaires*, which has been published weekly in Richibuctou since February 1989.

There are also exciting prospects for newspaper access in Nova Scotia as reported by Dave Cumby, who chairs the Nova Scotia Newspaper Network Committee. That Committee did not meet in 1994, but expects to meet in the first quarter of 1995 to resolve the issue of a suitable Nova Scotia site to mount the Union List of Nova Scotia Newspapers database, which is archived at ISM. Updates and changes to that database have been maintained in paper form at the Public Archives of Nova Scotia since 1990. These records will be added to the union database once it is mounted at a Nova Scotia location. The information was added to the DOBIS database at the National Library of Canada for use in production of the 1993 edition of the *Union List of Canadian Newspapers* on microfiche and CD-ROM. It is expected that negotiations in 1995 will lead to finding the best site for mounting the database which contains this valuable resource. "At the forefront", says Dave, "is the desire to see the information maintained, enhanced and made available to as many Nova Scotians as possible." It is the Committee's hope that the newspaper database will be on-line by Fall 1995.

The Newfoundland Newspaper Microfilming Project continues to film a combination of the old and the new. Among the former were a large number of previously missing issues of the *Twillingate Sun* from 1884-1953. I'm not sure if these were found in a barn or a basement, but this is a good example of "finds" still there to be made. The *Sun* was one of the earliest newspapers to be published off the Avalon Peninsula and is heavily used by local historians and genealogists. A major gap in the microfilm of the *Royal Gazette* (now the *Newfoundland Gazette*) was filled with filming of the years 1901-1954. The Project also continued filming the current weekly newspapers, the major project in 1993-1994 having been the *Clarenville Packet* from 1973-1991.

On Prince Edward Island, Marilyn Bell tells us that the Public Archives and Records Office continues to microfilm all current newspapers with the exception of the *Guardian* and the *Patriot*, which are filmed by and available



## INTELLECTUAL FREEDOM COMMITTEE

A few noteworthy items on the intellectual freedom front have made the "news" recently.

A December news story indicated that this year's winner of a contest to determine the most offensive book of the year was won by author Dan Murphy's *101 Uses for a Severed Penis* (Serious Publishing), which was inspired by the recent Lorena/John Bobbitt case. Others on the TOP 10 list, which was drawn up by Joann Field, a buyer for the Simon Fraser University Bookstore, include *Dearest Pet: On Bestiality* (Midas Dekkers, Verso), *101 Reasons Why a Cat is Better Than a Man* (Alia Zobel, Bob Adams), *Merchant of Venice* and *Taming of the Shrew* (William Shakespeare, various publishers); *In Defence of Elitism* (William A. Henry III, Doubleday); *Everyone Poops* (Taro Gomi, Kane-Miller); *Courage to Raise Good Men* (Olga Silverstein and Beth Rashbaum, Viking/Penguin); *What Kind of God Would Allow a Thing Like This to Happen?!!!* (John Callahan, William Morrow); *More Random Acts of Kindness* (various editors, Conari Press); *O.J. Simpson: American Hero, American Tragedy* (Marc Cerasini, Pinnacle) and *Thin Ice: the Complete Uncensored Story of Tonya Harding* (Frank Coffey and Joe Layden, Pinnacle). While intended to be a fun exercise in one way, the contest underscored serious concerns about intellectual freedom and freedom to read.

Those interested in the role librarians sometimes can play themselves in censorship matters should read Mary J. Moore's article entitled "Censorship and School Libraries in Australia and Canada" in *Feliciter*, v. 40, no. 9, September 1994, pp. 28-29.

Anyone wanting to follow the most under-reported news stories of the year in Canada can obtain the 1994 yearbook published by Project Censored Canada, School of Communication, Simon Fraser University, Burnaby, British Columbia, V5A 1S6. The project is a joint effort founded in 1993 by the Canadian Association of Journalists and the School of Communication at Simon Fraser University. 1993's winner of the least reported news story went to the topic of oil prospects fueling the humanitarian efforts in Somalia.

Censorship issues have come to the WorldWideWeb. You can now get a list of books which have been banned over the years, with the reasons for their suppression, by going to <http://www.cs.cmu.edu:8001/Web/People/spok/banned-books.html>.

The Little Sisters Bookshop case recently went before the courts, with a vigorous defence of intellectual freedom being provided by such literary luminaries as Pierre Berton and Jane Rule. More will follow as this case unfolds.

-Stephen Field  
Convener

through a commercial firm. Missing issues or newly located, previously unrepresented, titles are also filmed. Once papers have been filmed and the resulting master, copy negative, and copy positive have been examined for quality, one newspaper a month for dailies, and one for every three months for weeklies, is selected for preservation, and the remainder of the originals are destroyed. In the case of the *Guardian*, film received is carefully checked to make sure there are no issues missing before the selection process takes place. Because we do not purchase the *Patriot* and cannot check it for completeness, all originals are kept. No attempt has been made to weed or destroy the long-standing collection of originals prior to 1975. In September of 1994 all the microfilm, including newspapers, was transferred to the Public Archives and Records Office from the Confederation Centre Library. This has the advantage of all the newspapers being in only two locations, that is, PARO and Robertson Library at UPEI. The disadvantage is that they are not available to the public most evenings or on weekends. There has been little feedback to indicate public opinion of this move. Please note that if you are using the *Checklist and Historical Directory of Prince Edward Island Newspapers, 1878-1986*, locations for microfilm given as CCL should now read PAPEI (or, more accurately, PARO, as the institution is now called).

-Ian A. Wilson  
Convener

## Freenet Conference

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agouche, Yarmouth, and Antigonish. Rounding out these informational sessions was a presentation by Fred Pierce of the Nova Scotia Economic Renewal Agency in Truro, who presented the concept of using the co-operative model as a business foundation for community networks.

The federal government's perspective on freenets was given by Andrew Reddick of Industry Canada, Ottawa and some of the technical impacts for the provincial government were presented by Todd Brown of the Nova Scotia Department of Transportation and Communication. Following this, representatives from NSTN, NS Power Inc., MT&T, ISIS, and the Cable Operators Association of Nova Scotia presented their organizations as potential partners in the freenet movement. The economic benefits of the emerging Canadian information infrastructure is encouraging corporate investment to provide a "product for sale." Community networks have to constantly work with the government and private sector to ensure that all Canadians can benefit from free electronic delivery of information in the same manner that this has been accessible in public libraries.

Silver Donald Cameron showed a different development of a community network in his presentation of the promotional video produced by those living on Isle Madame. Called Telisle, this community economic development initiative shows innovation in successfully creating new learning and jobs.

Spurred by a facilitator, the group reviewed the terms of reference for a provincial organization, considered the implications of the *Draft-Discussion Paper on Assistance to FreeNets in Nova Scotia* prepared by the Policy and Coordination Division of the Nova Scotia Economic Renewal Agency, and opted to develop a Nova Scotia Federation of Community Networks. The mandate of this federation is to act as steering committee, co-chaired by representatives from the Chebucto FreeNet and the Cape Breton Community Network with other representatives appointed from geographically organized areas in an attempt to provide representation for all Nova Scotians.

Regional representatives include:

Cape Breton:  
Dan McMullin/Debbie McGean

Cumberland/Colchester:  
Michelle Walters/Laurie  
Andrychuk/Doug Shatford

Metro:  
Bernie Hart/David Murdoch

Pictou/New Glasgow:  
Harvey Ratchford

South Shore:  
Frances Anderson

Strait Area/Antigonish:  
Lana McLean/Mark Leggett

Valley Area:  
Charlotte Janes/Bob Zwicker

Western:  
Dave Arthur

All present at the Conference came away with the realization that freenets or community networks may develop in different ways, yet there is the overriding concept, similar to that found in the public library system, of providing equitable access to the information highway for all Nova Scotians.

A listserv has been established for discussion purposes for those involved in the community network movement in Nova Scotia. To join this discussion group, email [listserv@rs6000.nshpl.library.ns.ca](mailto:listserv@rs6000.nshpl.library.ns.ca) and in the body of the message state: "subscribe nsfcn (firstname)(lastname)", e.g. subscribe nsfcn Pat Doe.

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Nova Scotia Federation of  
Community Networks

## APLA '95

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and the Chip (Institute for Research on Public Policy, 1981). Ms. Menzies has had a varied career, working as a film editor, reporter, feature writer, columnist, and public speaker. If you would like to read a recent article by this dynamic speaker, seek out "Hyping the Highway: Is the Information Highway the Road to a Common Future or Just Another Trip to the Mall?" in the June 1994 issue of *Canadian Forum*.

Two Pre-Conference Workshops are planned for Thursday, May 25. Librarians Caren Mofford and Sharon Munro will give a half-day workshop entitled "I'd Rather Be Eaten by Sharks! Survival Strategies for the One-Person Library". So far they are winning the prize for the best title! Topics covered will be time and paper management, developing strategic plans, and ensuring that services are relevant for clients and administrators.

A full day workshop, "Getting Webbed: A Hands-On WorldWideWeb Workshop (Wherein Webs Will Be Woven)", will be given by Peter Rukavina. Peter runs his own business called "Digital Island" and, as the former Information Manager at the PEI Crafts Council, created the first WorldWideWeb server on the Island. Take a look at information about PEI at the web site, <http://www.crafts-council.pe.ca>, or gopher to <gopher://www.crafts-council.pe.ca>, and select Prince Edward Island: Electronic Visitors Guide. This WWW and gopher site are Peter's "babies" and now provide tourist information about PEI and a unique compilation of crafts information to "interneting" people around the world.

Conference sessions include "Reading 2001: Multimedia Literacy", "Bridges to Business: The Library and the Entrepreneur", "Bridging the Gap: Establishing Family Resource Libraries in Medical Settings", "Navigating the Internet: Evaluating Gopher-Based Window Clients", "Reality Bites: What's Missing on the Information Highway", "The National Library in the '90s", "Reference on the Internet", "The Impact of the Z39.50 Search and Retrieval Standard on Library Services", a session on storytelling, and many, many more!

The Local Arrangements Committee will handle bookings for accommodations, which will be available both on the UPEI campus and

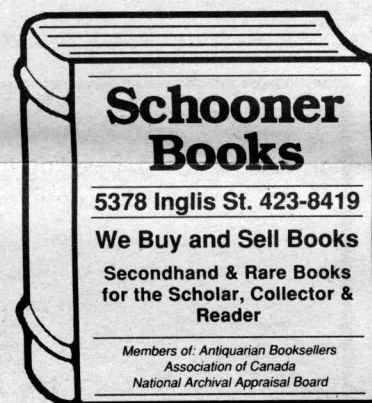
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Watch for further details in the next issue of the *Bulletin*. For immediate answers to your questions, or any comments, contact Sharon Clark by Voice (902-628-4361), by Fax (902-628-4305), by Internet ([sclark@upe.ca](mailto:sclark@upe.ca)), by mail APLA Conference '95 (Attention: Sharon Clark), c/o Robertson Library, University of Prince Edward Island, 550 University Avenue, Charlottetown, PE C1A 4P3.

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**Workshop on Instruction in Library Use, May 17-19, 1995, Quebec City, PQ, University of Laval.** Contact: Joan Dalton, Leddy Library, University of Windsor, Windsor, ON N9B 3P4. Voice (519) 253-4232 Ext. 3201/Fax (519) 973-7076/Internet jdalton@uwindsor.ca

**APLA '95 (Building Better Bridges, Forging Stronger Links), May 25-28, 1995, Charlottetown, PE, University of Prince Edward Island.**

**Canadian Health Libraries Association/Association des Bibliothèques de Santé Annual Conference (Old World—New World), June 4-7, 1995, St. John's, NF, Radisson Plaza Hotel.** Contact: Catherine Lawton, St. Clare's Mercy Hospital Medical Library, Le Marchant Rd., St. John's, NF A1C 5B8. Voice (709) 778-3111/Fax (709) 738-1216 or Shaila Mensinkai, Dr. Charles A. Janeway Ch Health Centre, Library Services, Janeway Place, St. John's, NF A1A 1R8. Voice (709) 778-4222/Fax (709) 778-4446.

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**Bibliographical Society of Canada Conference (The Broad Spectrum of Bibliographical Activity in Canada), June 1995, Montreal, l'Université de Québec Montréal.** Contact: Bibliographical Society of Canada Conference, P.O. Box 57, Postal Station P, Toronto, ON M5S 2T1. Internet: Vincent\_t@rmc.ca

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